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CLOSURE OF NCTE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to shut down the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to streamline NCTE and address the numerous complaints about its functioning instead of wrapping it up; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) NCTE came into existence as a statutory body in 1995 in pursuance of NCTE Act, 1993 to achieve planned and coordinated development of Teacher Education across the country as also to determine, maintain and coordinate standards in teacher education and curb the proliferation of sub standard institutions.

A Review Committee was constituted by this Department under the Chairmanship of Shri Sudeep Banerjee, the then Adviser to MHRD to conduct an indepth study of the functioning of NCTE and its Regional Committees. The Committee has, inter-alia recommended that the NCTE Act, 1993 should be repealed. The Government is taking further action on the recommendations of the Committee.